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REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL

HINES, Oregon – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting public nominations to fill four positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC). SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) to BLM. Serving on the Council gives members a chance to significantly contribute to the future of public lands on Steens Mountain.

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions:

- 1) A person who is a grazing permittee on Federal land in the CMPA,
- 2) A person who is a recognized environmental representative from the local area,
- 3) A person who participates in what is commonly known as dispersed recreation, such as hiking, camping, nature viewing, photography, horseback riding, or trail riding, and
- 4) A person with expertise and interest in wild horse management on Steens Mountain.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, submit a nomination form and supporting letters of recommendation from the groups or interests to be represented by Thursday, May 1, 2008, to the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. Nomination forms can be picked up in person at this same location, by calling (541) 573-4400, or on the web at www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns. The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. The BLM and Harney County Court will review the applications and submit recommended nominees to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Appointed members must reside in the State of Oregon. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed at current rates for government employees. The standard duration for service is 3 years. The SMAC currently meets five times per year.

For more information on SMAC nominations, call Kevin Thissell or Dana Shuford at (541) 573-4400.

